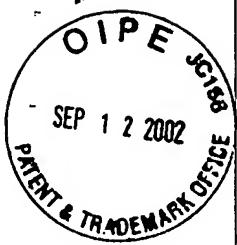


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Bernth Johansson et al.) Group Art Unit: 3662
Application No.: 10/079,807) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: Ground Penetrating Radar Array)
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to allow two joint inventors to sign an Oath or Declaration on behalf of a third non-signing inventor who refuses to join. The third non-signing inventor is Bernth Johansson, and the two joint inventors willing to sign are Alan J. Witten and Anthony J. Devaney.

United States Patent Application No. 09/658,188 (the grandparent application to the present application) was filed on September 8, 2000, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) without any Oaths or Declarations executed by the inventors. The PTO mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application on October 27, 2000.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney was forwarded to Mr. Johansson on December 4, 2000. See Exhibit A. In a letter dated January 22, 2001, Mr. Johansson's

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attorney, Mr. Walter Linder, indicated that "Mr. Johansson will sign the declaration and power of attorney for this application only upon receipt of the written assignment of the application to MALA." See Exhibit B.

A second Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the patent application were forwarded to Mr. Johansson by facsimile and DHL courier on May 8, 2001. See Exhibit C. The facsimile transmission was successful as evidenced by a "Job Status Report." See Exhibit D. The DHL courier successfully delivered the package, as evidenced by correspondence from DHL and a DHL bill. See Exhibit E. Mr. Johansson never responded to the correspondence of May 8, 2001.

To avoid abandonment of the application, Applicants filed Continuation Application No. 09/866,575 (parent to the present application) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) on May 29, 2001. Because the patent application was filed without Oaths or Declarations executed by the inventors, the PTO mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application on July 23, 2001.

A third Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the patent application were forwarded via DHL carrier to Mr. Johansson on September 4, 2001. See Exhibit F. Mr. Johansson never responded to this correspondence. A fourth Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the patent application were forwarded via facsimile and DHL carrier to Mr. Johansson and Mr. Linder on January 8, 2002. See Exhibit G.

In a letter dated January 14, 2002, Mr. Johansson indicated that he received the Declaration and Power of Attorney. See Exhibit H. In that letter, Mr. Johansson stated that, "No such license has been granted and thus we will not sign the papers."

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To avoid abandonment of the application, a second continuation application (the present application) was filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) on February 22, 2002.

Because the application was filed without Declarations or Oaths executed by the inventors, the PTO mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application on April 12, 2002.

A fifth Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the patent application were forwarded via DHL carrier to Mr. Johansson also on May 23, 2002. See Exhibit I. Mr. Johansson never responded to this correspondence.

Thus, it is apparent that Mr. Johansson refuses to join the application apparently because of a license dispute. In lieu of an Oath or Declaration from Mr. Johansson, enclosed are Declarations from all the available joint inventors, Alan J. Witten and Anthony J. Devaney.

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Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the foregoing, the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) have been met. Accordingly, Applicants request that this Petition to Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) be granted and that this application be examined as soon as possible.

A fee of \$130 as specified by 37 C.F.R § 1.47 and § 1.17(h) is included. Please charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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